It's getting colder.
Winter is finally here.
Yeah, I guess that's true...

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I ruined the coat I wore for work back at the start of spring,
and then I bought a jacket for casual wear the other day, so I'm on a budget right now...

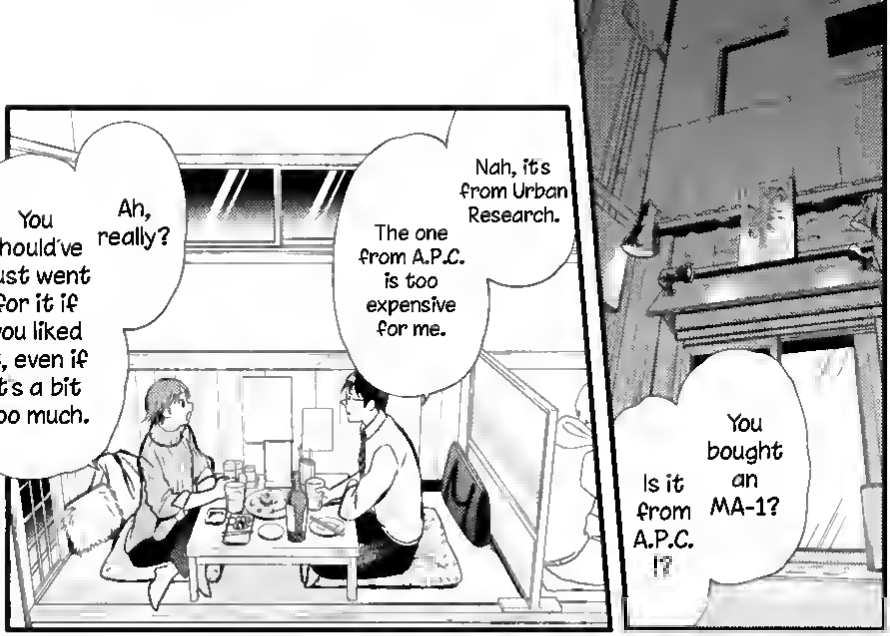
Satou, aren't you cold?
Where's your coat?
I'M STILL FINE!

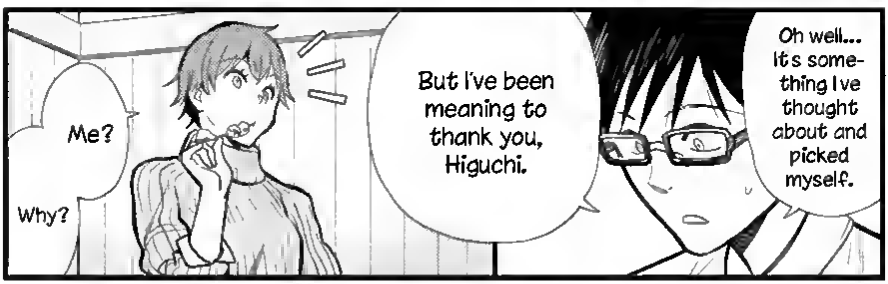
SHIVER
SHIVER
Eh— Really now...

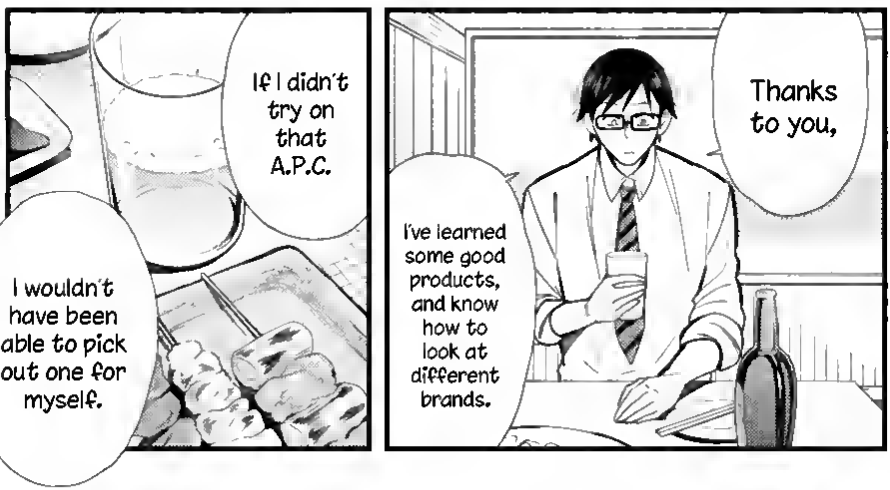
I get it already...!
I know...
shiver
fwoo...
So you are cold, aren't you.
But you're a salesman, you know?
A winter coat is just as important as a suit.
Something flexible, something that I can use every day...
Something that matches my suit, something mature and proper.
But I do want one.
What's with the crazy high standards!?
What-ever, just hurry up and buy one already!
I'm getting chills just watching you!!
shiversshiver
shiversshiver
Br~

I wanted to ask for Tamaki's opinion first,
Honestly, I'm just hesitating to buy one because outerwears are so expensive
but Tamaki is in the countryside right now
There's no telling when exactly she will come back.
Maybe I should just ask her over the phone...
BRRR...
I can't take this anymore...
BRRR
COLD

Wait, hold on_
Brrrrr
Brrrrr
Eh
Higuchi
Higuchi!?
Yeah, I got stood up by my friend at the last minute
and I can't get a hold of anyone else
Yes, hello?
P!
Heey~! It's Higuchi speaking!
I'm in town right now, do you wanna go grab a bite?
Right now? That's a bit abrupt...
Well, it's not like I can't go...
I won't force you if you don't want to


You bought an MA-1?
Is it from A.P.C.!?
Nah, it's from Urban Research.
The one from A.P.C. is too expensive for me.
Ah, really?
You should've just went for it if you liked it, even if it's a bit too much.

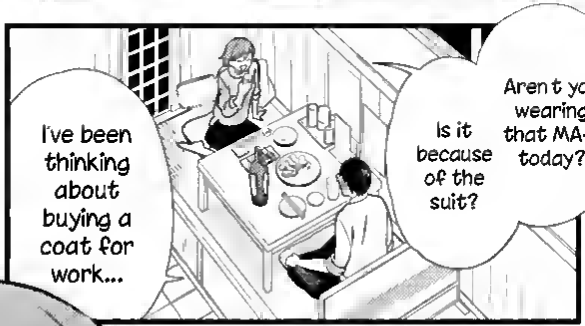

Oh well... It's something I've thought about and picked myself.
But I've been meaning to thank you, Higuchi.
Me?
Why?


Thanks to you,
I've learned some good products, and know how to look at different brands.
If I didn't try on that A.P.C.
I wouldn't have been able to pick out one for myself.

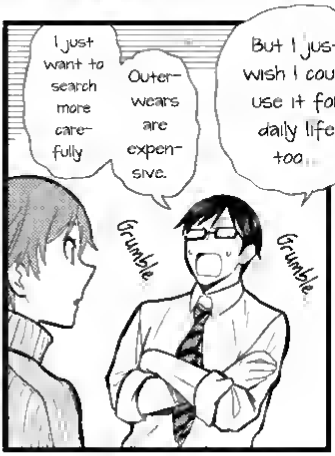
Clink
Congrats on your good purchase!

I'm really glad I went on that date with you.
Thank you.

But you didn't buy it?
I was going to...


I've been thinking about buying a coat for work...
Is it because of the suit?
Aren't you wearing that MA-1 today?

Really now!?
Then I can think of one for you!


I just want to search more carefully
Outerwears are expensive.
But I just wish I could use it for daily life too...
Grumble
Grumble

Look, it's something like this.
Ah
So they carry something like this too.
Let's see now~ A men's outerwear that can be used every day...
is probably a soutien collar coat.
?
Men's A-line silhouettes sure look cool~
A-line?
The shape of an A.
A
It's the gradually expanding silhouette, from top to bottom.
Hm. hm
You can already see the body balance by just putting on a soutien collar coat, huh.
A very standard look,
this coat will suit anyone, regardless of their age.

Look at the collar, the collar!
Hm? Is there anything different from the last one?

This is what we call a soutien collar,
but the chester coat has something more similar to a suit.

And then there's the chester coat, which has been gaining popularity recently.

Ooh
You'll be surprised how popular this design is. Just keep an eye out when you're out on the street.
It'll look great.

Hm... Looks like this will go well with a suit...
But what about casual wear?

I've seen other people wear this, especially girls. And they look fine...
but I'm not sure I can pull this off...
Is that so?
It's probably because you're unfamiliar with it.
A double-breasted coat with the buttons arranged sideways looks pretty tight and uncomfortable, huh.
Another one is...
a trench coat?
Uwah, no way!
?
CHEW CHEW
Hmm?
Hmph
But trench coats just look the best on French or British male actors!
There was a time when so many salarymen wore beige trench coats too...

Ooh.
Lastly, this might seem off-track,
but the long-down coat is pretty popular too.

You really need to buy one soon huh.
It might be a bit weird wearing this to my company,
but being warm is nice too...
Brrr
Brrr

This one looks warm...
Yeah, it is.

Thank you very much, Higuchi.
You're pretty well-versed with men's fashion too.
I've always been interested in fashion,
but my knowledge of coats started with the Brits.
Alright,
I'll go try out the soutien collar coat and the chester coat.
I saw a British spy film the other day...
And man, those high grade tailor suits at their headquarters...
FIDGET
FIDGET
I mean, have you watched that!?
The actors, the costumes and the props are all so perfect and beautiful~
AAAA
BANG BANG
? ?
No I haven't...
You're going shopping tomorrow, right?
Can I tag along?
Grab
Hii

LUMINE EST
Ooh~

Which one do you think looks better?
Uhhh- hmm- mm...
Both of them look great on you!
Thank you.
The soutien collar coat feels really relaxed and comfortable,
but the chester coat isn't as stiff and formal as I had thou- ght. It's great too.
How may I help you?
HA
Yeaaah
I guess so...
FIDGET
FIDGET
Yeah, so just pick the one you like.
So they both left a good im- pression...
Guh

?
Kachin
I think it's great
Giggle
Let me sell you this
Hii
He's here! The store clerk!!!
Byuu

Hm, is that so...
Which one do you think is better?
He's a bit troubled because both of these coats are great.

If you are happy with either one of them,
then I would recommend the chester coat
Ara, you're right.
They have great price-performance, and there are many types to choose from.
Chester coats are more popular in our store.

That's some great information.
You could've bought a cheaper MA-1 with this too.
I'll take the chester coat please...!
Thank you very much...
THANK YOU FOR BEING SO NICE, MISTER STORE CLERK

I'm really sorry, but we don't have any other sizes for this one...
Ah...
Ah
I knew the sleeve was a bit too short! This is a size S.
Do you have this one in size M?
Hold on, Yuusuke.
Hmm~
Too bad...
Then I guess I should buy the soutien collar...
I have a great idea.

#13 END

MB's Note

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How to get rid of your prejudices against long coats

I remember the first time I wore a long coat very vividly. At the time, I was doubtful, thinking "I can't look good in a coat with my Japanese physique" and "I won't be the one wearing the coat. The coat would be wearing me." Because of my reluctance, I had avoided long coats completely.

Until one day, I had a fated meeting with this one, incredible coat. I had ventured inside a high-class store petrified, but I had promised myself that I would try them on regardless of my fears. And with the help of a nice store clerk, who encouraged me to try on anything that I was interested in, I had finally tried them on. And trying them on really surprised me. It was a huge shock! My figure was neatly hidden by the coat, and I looked way cooler than normal. I asked the nice store clerk a ton of questions, like what I should match them with, what works with my body type and if others had the same concerns about being swallowed by their coat, etc.. The clerk answered: "The coat hides your entire body, so it is an even better fit for people who do not like their body shape. I have the same fears too, actually."

I guess if you think about it shorter coats like a blouson expose your body shape, while long coats hide your hips and legs. So it's much harder to tell if you have long or short legs. Even I can pretend to have a sporty physique.

"A long coat is super convenient!" is what I thought, and my stupid prejudice had been resolved. While coats too tight or formal might make you feel like you're dressing up too much, as long as you take care in balancing casual and formal styles, you won't have any problems.

Beginners in fashion are always reluctant to wear long coats, but please try to approach them with the same glee as Yuusuke. You just might find yourself looking way cooler than normal.

I write a fashion blog called the "Knower-Mag".
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